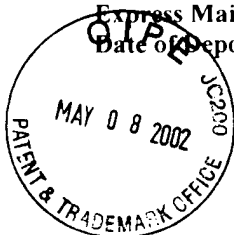


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the January 8, 2002 Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before May 8, 2002. Check No. 12677 in the amount of \$400.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2).

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-581 CIP (Cura-81 CIP). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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